

## Apparatus and Method for Single-Sided Loading of a Furnace or Other Process Station

### ABSTRACT

- 5 Solutions permit or facilitate faster and/or easier processing involving loading or unloading  
of a work module into a process station. For example, the work module may be a  
processing tube or the like and the process station may be a heating station such as a tube  
furnace or the like. In one embodiment, the loading is from a single side of a process  
station. In one embodiment, the work module includes inlets and outlets for fluid flow, with  
10 both inlets and outlets being closer toward one side of the work module than the other side.